



# SVI News

June 8, 2017



**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER 1-888-884-2711 - To be used on all SG4 Paperwork where Provincial Commissioner is indicated**

The SVI Area Commissioner Team will continue to use the (250) 590-0744 number. If you have an urgent issue that does not meet the requirements for the provincial number, please call the AC Team

The SVI News is sent to every adult member and Ranger in SVI Area. All upcoming events and programming material are in the SVI News and the successes, highlights and community connections are in the Lamplighter that is also an E-Newsletter.

All issues of the SVI News can be found on our website ([www.svirlguides.bc.ca](http://www.svirlguides.bc.ca)) under Guiding in SVI).

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This is the last SVI News for the 2016/17 Guiding year. You will continue to receive emails from the office, various Advisers, Province and your District. Please try and reply to these emails as quickly as possible so that other Guiders can continue any planning they are doing over the summer.

The AC Team would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to Guiding. Take some time over the summer months to refresh and rejuvenate and we look forward to seeing many of you at SOAR and in September.

Please remind your girls at events that if they come and introduce themselves to one of the AC Team they may request one of our crests – and Yes, we will have them at SOAR.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are very pleased to announce the following appointments:

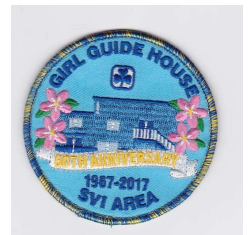
- Camas District Commissioner – Paula Crotty
- Straits District Commissioner – Eva Herbert
- Area Program Adviser – Meaghan Playle

**GUIDE HOUSE SUMMER HOURS**

Victoria Guide House closes for the summer June 23, 2017. The mail, email and voicemail are checked from time to time. For urgent matters, please call or email the AC Team.

**NEW AREA CRESTS**

SVI Area has two new crests available for purchase. The new SVI Guide House crest reflecting the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the building



The new SVI Area crest.



Both should be in stock within the next week or so. Contact Darcy at [svirlguides@shaw.ca](mailto:svirlguides@shaw.ca) to order.

## AWARDS

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Teresa Howden (former Unit Guider, Camping Adviser, Camp Properties Liaison) has been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers (previously known as the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award) for her work over many years with Guiding.

## LAMPLIGHTER

As you wind up the Guiding year with Advancements and special events, please remember that your Lamplighter Editor wants to hear about and see pictures of all the fun you and your unit are having. Send your pictures and write ups to [svilamplighter@gmail.com](mailto:svilamplighter@gmail.com) or share them with PR for the Facebook page – [girlguidespr@gmail.com](mailto:girlguidespr@gmail.com) or text [250 516-4346](tel:2505164346).



## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



Do you have girls considering applying for the International travel opportunities recently released? Denise Howden, Area International Adviser, can help them learn about travel and assist with the application process. She would love to come to a unit meeting to share her knowledge or work with girls on their applications.

## FINANCIAL REVIEWS

It's that time again already. All financial records are due for review at the end of June. Please make sure you complete all the necessary paperwork – check with your District Treasurer – and submit it to your Treasurer by July 25, 2017. Treasurers – please submit them to Area by July 31, 2017.

## FUNDRAISING

Has your unit or District been fundraising (for SOAR or anything else). Please remember that you are required to submit a fundraising report to Area (via the Area Treasurer email) for any individual fundraiser where the total fundraised is more than \$250. These should be submitted within 21 days of the completion of the fundraiser.

<https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/financial> - form is the 'event summary'.

## CAMP CLEAN UPS

Camp clean ups were a great success. Many thanks to the Guiders and their families and Guiding families who participated.

## SVI AREA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please let your families know about our Facebook page – Girl Guides of Canada Southern Vancouver Island Area and our Twitter feed @VictoriaGuides.



## DATES TO NOTE (Training noted separately)

**June 27** - Lady Baden Powell Event – for Guides (registration deadline has passed)

**July 8** – SVI Area Guide House 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party (details to come)

**July 22-29** – SOAR – Smithers, BC

**September 1** – deadline for Canada Cord/Chief Commissioner award paperwork – submit to Guide House (no extensions)

**September 29-October 1** – Cookie blitz weekend - no cookies to be sold before September 29

**October 13-15** – Discovery Camp for Pathfinders and Rangers

**October 16** - Canada Cord/Chief Commissioner Award ceremony for all awards completed in the 2016/17 Guiding year

**October (date tbd)** – Brownie Camp Skills Day – Milnes Landing Camp

**February 2018** – Cupcake and Candles Camp (information pending)

**TRAINING DATES (Registration form attached to email and available on SVI website)**

- August 19** (full day) - New Guider Boot Camp \*\*
- September 8** – deadline to register for OAL\* Tenting
- September 20** (evening)– Safe Guide
- September 23/24** – OAL Tenting
- September 25** (evening) – Treasurer
- October 10** (evening) – Treasurer
- October 14** (morning) - Treasurer
- October 28** (afternoon) – Safe Guide
- October 28** (morning/afternoon) – New Guider
- November 18** – OAL Basic
- November 18/19** – OAL Residential

\*OAL = Outdoor Activity Leadership (Camp)

\*\* New Guider Boot Camp – everything a new Guider (or new to the branch Guider) needs to get started – Safe Guide, unit finance, what a unit meeting looks like, tools for surviving your first four meetings. This training is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other new Guiders and learn the basics of being a Guider. Even if you have been working in unit, this is a great way to get an overview of all the aspects of being a Unit Guider.

Experienced Guiders say that training of any kind is a terrific way to make connections in Guiding, learn, refresh or improve your Guiding skills. All Guiders, new and experienced, are encouraged to participate in at least one training every year.



**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER?**

Have you been asked to take on a DC role or Deputy? Would you like to participate in a training in advance of signing up? SVI Area will be hosting a DC training in September 2017 at Guide House. This will be open to potential DC's and Deputies in SVI and Pacific Shores Areas. Please let the AC team know if you are interested.

**HELP STILL WANTED!**

SVI Area is still on the lookout for people to fill the following specific roles. Some require skills and some just require a passion for the job. All Area Committees are always open for interested members.



We need:

- Secretary – SVI Area Council
- Chair - Bowker Hall Committee
- Chair - Guide House Committee
- Chair - Jubilee Camp Committee
- Area Membership Adviser – assists with potential members, screening and recruitment
- A skilled building inspector – required once per year for four properties with buildings
- Grant application writer
- Members of the Archives Committee

**NEW AREA AND DISTRICT COUNCIL STRUCTURE**

June 15 of each year has been determined as the end date for term positions in Guiding in SVI. This means that Area Advisers and DC's will each end their term on June 15 of the third year.

Guiders holding Adviser positions in their District will be connected over the summer with the Area Adviser for their department and invited to join the Area level committee.

### SVI AREA EQUIPMENT RENTAL

SVI Area has added a projector to its rental inventory. Cost to rent is \$10 and must be booked with Darcy at the office and returned immediately after use. Rental does not include screen or computer.

SVI also has Snap Circuits and GPS units available for rental, as well as a small number of backpacks and tents.

AND – you can rent the SVI canoes out at Kingswood Camp.

Check the website for details.

<https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/camping>

### NON-RENTAL

Kingswood Camp has two propane fire pits available for use by campers. Must bring your own propane tank – location information will be provided on booking camp.

### DID YOU KNOW? SVI AREA HAS ITS OWN CHALLENGE!

<https://www.svigailguides.bc.ca/svi-area-challenge>



### UNIT INFORMATION FOR 2017/18

Accurate Unit start dates must be recorded in IMIS before the unit starts. Please ensure that you provide your DC with this information by the end of August so she can get it to our IMIS Adviser

Does your unit have lots of Guiders and a small number of girls or lots of girls and not enough Guiders. We would like Guiders to look at the situations in nearby Units and, if their unit is over ratio, consider moving their talents to a unit that needs their help.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION AT AREA** - If You want to contact somebody at Area on a specific topic or you would like information on working with an Area committee:

**Camping – Araina Golding – [svicampadviser\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svicampadviser(at)gmail.com)** - Camping events, assistance with camp skills

**IMIS – Carol Gamey – [svi.imis\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svi.imis(at)gmail.com)** - Enquiries about your own or your unit's IMIS information. Note that requests for changes must go through your District Commissioner

**Awards – Daphne McGregor-Greer – [dgreer\(at\)telus.net](mailto:dgreer(at)telus.net)** - Information and assistance awards available for Guiders

**Training – position vacant but email is monitored – [svitraining\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:svitraining(at)gmail.com)** - All Guider training – information and assistance organizing Guider trainings

**International – Denise Howden - [sviareainternational\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sviareainternational(at)gmail.com)** - Assistance with presenting International aspect of Guiding program

**Public Relations – Cassandra Herbert – [girlguidespr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:girlguidespr(at)gmail.com)** - Organizes PR opportunities – contact Cassandra for access to PR tools

**Properties – Sheilagh Finnigan – [sviareaproperties\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sviareaproperties(at)gmail.com)** - Co-ordinates the management of all SVI Area properties

**Program – Meaghan Playle – [sviprogram\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sviprogram(at)gmail.com)** - Co-ordinates Area program events and shares programming tools